

Wednesday, August 9, 1961

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate considered bills on foreign aid and crimes on aircraft, and confirmed O'Connor nomination to FPC.

Bill providing for an additional Assistant Secretary of Labor cleared for President by House.

Senate**Chamber Action****Routine Proceedings, pages 15215-15218**

Bills Introduced: 11 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2388-2398; and S.J. Res. 124.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 6765, authorizing acceptance of an amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation permitting investment in capital stock (S. Rept. 689);

S. 340, authorizing contract with Standing Rock Indian Tribe to provide for clearing of certain portions of the Oahe Reservoir area, with amendments (S. Rept. 690);

S. 1368, to provide for licensing independent ocean freight forwarders, with amendments (S. Rept. 691);

H.R. 2585, relating to credits against employment tax in the case of certain successor employers, with amendment (S. Rept. 692);

H.R. 856, permitting the conversion of national service life insurance policies to a new modified life plan, with amendments (S. Rept. 693);

S. 2268, to apply Federal criminal law to crimes committed on aircraft in air commerce, with amendment (S. Rept. 694);

S. 1126, providing for the registration of contractors of migrant agricultural workers, with amendments (S. Rept. 695);

S. 1123, relating to the exemption of agricultural employees from the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, with amendments (S. Rept. 696);

S. 1132, providing for the establishment of a National Citizens Council on Migratory Labor, with minority views (S. Rept. 697);

S. 1124, providing financial assistance for improved educational opportunities for children of migrant agricultural employees, with minority views (S. Rept. 698); and

S. 1130, authorizing grants for improving health services for domestic agricultural migratory workers, with minority views (S. Rept. 699).

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Bill Rereferred: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 1163, a

private bill, which was then rereferred to Committee on the Judiciary.

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Printing—Interparliamentary Group: Letter transmitting report on the meeting of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary group held in Washington, D.C., June 8-9, 1961 (with an accompanying report), was received, referred to Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 42.

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Foreign Aid: Senate continued consideration of S. 1983, proposed foreign aid authorizations bill.

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Crimes on Aircraft: Following its reporting, Senate considered S. 2268, to apply Federal criminal law to crimes committed on aircraft in air commerce.

Pending at adjournment was Magnuson amendment (to substitute committee amendment) providing for death penalty for aircraft hijacking as an alternative to life imprisonment.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that further consideration of this bill would be deferred until after morning business tomorrow.

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Minidoka, Shoshone, and Yakima Projects: Senate concurred in House amendment to S. 1085, to dispose of certain Federal property on the Minidoka project, Idaho, Shoshone project, Wyoming, and the Yakima project, Washington. This action cleared the bill for President's signature.

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Indians: Senate cleared for President's signature S. 1294, relating to water rights in connection with the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project, when it concurred in House amendment thereto.

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O'Connor Confirmation: After further debate, Senate confirmed, by 83 yeas to 12 nays, nomination of Lawrence J. O'Connor, Jr., of Texas, to be a member of the Federal Power Commission. This action followed withdrawal by Senator Proxmire of his motion to recommit the nomination to Committee on Commerce with instructions to report back within 1 week.

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Confirmations: Senate also confirmed three civilian and six judicial nominations.

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Nominations: Two judicial nominations were received.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISSILE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: The Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee resumed its series of executive hearings to receive testimony on the subject of strategic weapons and weapons delivery systems, having as its witness Senator Goldwater.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TRANSPORTATION RATEMAKING

Committee on Commerce: Committee continued its hearings on S. 1197, relating to the rule of ratemaking where competition between carriers of different modes of transportation is involved, with testimony from the following witnesses: Donald P. Kipp, Kramer Bros. Freight Lines, Inc., Detroit; William W. Goodman, the George A. Shephard & Sons Co., Bethel, Conn.; I. E. Chenoweth, manager, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma; M. W. Standridge, National Tank Co., Inc., Tulsa; and Harold D. Beaton, an assistant to Senator McNamara, who introduced a group of witnesses from Michigan.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

D.C. JUVENILE COURT

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on the Judiciary held hearings on S. 486, providing for the appointment of two additional judges for the D.C. juvenile court; S. 2114, authorizing appointment of two referees of the D.C. juvenile court; S. 2299, providing for the establishment of a juvenile division within the D.C. Youth Correctional Center; and general juvenile problems, including questions raised by provisions of H.R. 6747, creating a juvenile court branch of the D.C. municipal court. Testimony was received from Senator Dodd, chairman, Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee, Committee on the Judiciary; and John B. Duncan, member of the D.C. Board of Commissioners, who was accompanied and assisted by several officials of the District government.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported H.R. 856, permitting the conversion of national service life insurance policies to a new modified life plan (amended so as to include text of S. 977, providing a 2-year period during which veterans may be granted national service life insurance; and the text of the House-passed version of H.R. 879, to increase rates of wartime disability compensation); H.R. 2585, relating to the credits against the employ-

ment tax in case of certain successor employers (amended); H.R. 4317, providing for the payment of annuities to widows and certain dependents of judges of the Tax Court of the U.S. (amended); and the nominations of John Frank Kovacic, to be collector of customs, with headquarters at Cleveland; Marguerite R. Benson, to be collector of customs, with headquarters at Milwaukee; Earl D. Roberts, to be collector of customs, with headquarters at San Diego; and DuBrutz Cutlar Moore, Sr., of North Carolina, to be collector of customs, with headquarters at Wilmington.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the nominations of W. Walton Butterworth, of Louisiana, to be U.S. representative to the European Communities, with rank of Ambassador; and Frank A. Southard, Jr., of New York, to be U.S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. By a vote of 10 to 6, the committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 6765, authorizing acceptance of an amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation permitting investment in capital stock. Prior to approval of H.R. 6765, testimony was received from Robert L. Garner, President, International Finance Corporation.

INDIAN LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held hearings on S. 1392, relating to the Indian heirship land problem, having as its witnesses Senator Case (S. Dak.); Representative Berry; John A. Carver, Jr., Assistant Secretary, who was accompanied by Martin P. Mangan, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Lewis A. Sigler, Office of Legislative Council, all of the Department of the Interior; and Roy S. Lindgren, General Accounting Office, who was accompanied by his associates.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held hearings on the nomination of Albert V. Bryan, of Virginia, to be U.S. circuit judge, fourth circuit, with testimony from several public witnesses, including representatives of bar associations of Arlington, Fairfax, and Alexandria, Va. The nominee was present to testify and answer questions in his own behalf.

RETIREMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Retirement, in executive session, ordered favorably reported to the full committee without amendment H.R. 6141, limiting prohibition against payments of retirement to Government employees to offenses involving the national security.

Subcommittee held and concluded hearings as follows:

On S. 1149, 1320, and 1850, to increase the multiplication factor for determining annuities for Federal workers engaged in hazardous duties, with testimony from Phillip S. Hughes, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, and Frederick J. Lawton, member, Civil Service Commission, accompanied by their associates; and numerous public witnesses representing various Government employee organizations; and

On S. 1683, relating to retirement of employees of the agricultural stabilization and conservation county committees, with testimony from Messrs. Hughes and Lawton; Carl B. Barnes, Director of Personnel, Department of Agriculture; and representatives of the National Association Stabilization and Conservation County Employees.

It was announced that the record on these hearings will be kept open for the remainder of this week for inclusion of additional written material.

SMALL BUSINESS—COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES

Select Committee on Small Business: The Subcommittee on Monopoly resumed its hearings in connection with policies regarding ownership of space communications satellites, with testimony from James E. Webb, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Irving Maness, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; William H. Graham, North Electric Co., Galion, Ohio; Morton Langstaff, National Telephone Cooperative Association; and Brig. Gen. William M. Thames, Army Signal Corps, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 8587-8618; 13 private bills, H.R. 8619-8631, and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 523-527, H. Con. Res. 366, and H. Res. 412 and 413, were introduced.

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Bill Reported: One report was filed as follows: Conference report on H.R. 7851, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1962 (H. Rept. 873).

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Committee To Sit: The Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce was authorized to sit during general debate in the House for the balance of the week.

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Labor Department: By a voice vote the House passed and cleared for the President S. 1815, to provide for one additional Assistant Secretary of Labor in the Department of Labor. H.R. 6882, a similar bill, passed previously by the House, was tabled after its passage was vacated.

H. Res. 406, the open rule under which the legislation was considered had been adopted earlier by a record vote of 369 yeas to 16 nays.

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Late Reports: The Committee on the District of Columbia was granted permission to file sundry reports by midnight Friday.

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Freedmen's Hospital Transfer: By a record vote of 321 yeas to 61 nays the House passed H.R. 6302, to establish a teaching hospital for Howard University

and to transfer Freedmen's Hospital to the university, after adopting committee amendments. H. Res. 405, the rule providing for the consideration of the legislation, had been adopted earlier by a voice vote.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing held a hearing on H.R. 5023, relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities. Heard testimony from Representative McIntire; Department of Agriculture officials; and public witnesses. Hearings continue Thursday, August 10.

MILITARY CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee for Special Investigations continued hearings on contracting out procedures of the military departments. Heard testimony from Kenneth E. BeLieu, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics); Vice Adm. G. F. Beardsley, Vice Chief, Office of Naval Materiel; and other supporting witnesses. Hearings continue Thursday, August 10.

D.C. BUSINESS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Met in executive session and ordered reported favorably to the full committee the following bills:

H.R. 7622 (amended), to permit certain gift enterprises in D.C.

H.R. 8074, to amend the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947, and the D.C. Business Corporation Act, with respect to certain foreign corporations;

H.R. 8444 (amended), relating to elections in D.C.;

H.R. 6836, to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act;

H.R. 8344, to provide for the restoration of the home of John Philip Sousa in D.C.;

H.R. 8032 (amended), to amend the Healing Arts Practice Act in D.C.; and

H.R. 256 (amended), to amend the D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

Considered but took no final action on H.R. 4892, relating to the workweek of the Fire Department of D.C.

D.C. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 4 heard public witnesses on H.R. 4152, and related bills, to amend the D.C. Unemployment Compensation Act.

PHILIPPINE WAR CLAIMS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Far East and Pacific met in executive session and ordered reported favorably to the full committee H.R. 1129 (amended), to authorize the payment of the balance of awards for war damage compensation made by the Philippine War Damage Commission.

EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations, in executive session, continued markup on H.R. 5203, and 5204, to provide for the improvement of international relations through educational and cultural exchanges. Markup will continue, in executive session, Thursday, August 10.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Military Operations concluded hearings on civil defense, and heard public witnesses.

IDENTICAL BIDS

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization met in executive session and ordered reported favorably to the full committee H.R. 4570 (amended, a clean bill to be introduced), to provide for public information and publicity concerning instances where competitors submit identical bids to public agencies for the sale or purchase of supplies, equipment, or services.

PORTRAIT GALLERY—PRESIDENTS' PAPERS

Committee on House Administration: Met in executive session and ordered reported to the House the following measures:

H. Res. 392, for an additional \$100,000 for studies and investigations to be conducted by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs;

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H.R. 6667, relating to microfilming of papers of Presidents of the U.S.; and

H.R. 8446, to provide for a National Portrait Gallery as a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution.

INTERIOR-INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 4752 (amended), to provide that the unincorporated territories of the Virgin Islands and Guam shall each be represented in Congress by a Territorial Deputy to the House of Representatives (by rollcall vote, 13-12);

H.R. 84 (amended), to stabilize the mining of lead and zinc by small domestic producers on public, Indian and other lands; and

H.R. 7916 (amended), to expand and extend the saline water conversion program being conducted by the Secretary of the Interior.

CRIMES ABOARD AIRCRAFT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics met in executive session regarding crimes aboard aircraft. No announcements were made.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session on pending legislation. No announcements were made, and the committee will meet again, in executive session, Thursday, August 10.

JUDICIAL MISCELLANY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2, in executive session, ordered reported favorably to the full committee H.R. 6535, to validate the salary overpayments made to certain officers and employees incident to the salary adjustment provisions of the Federal Employees Salary Increase Act of 1955. Also took testimony and acted on several private claim bills.

The subcommittee, in an open hearing, heard testimony from a Government witness on H.R. 1777, to amend title 18 U.S. Code to prohibit counterfeiting of State obligations in certain cases.

OCEAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine continued hearings on H.R. 2488, and related bills, to provide for licensing independent ocean freight forwarders. Heard testimony from a Federal Maritime Board official; and public witnesses. Hearings continue Thursday, August 10.

APPORTIONMENT REQUIREMENT—CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 5698, to extend the ap-

portionment requirement in the Civil Service Act of January 16, 1883, to temporary summer employment. Heard testimony from Representatives Beckworth and Broyhill; also Civil Service Commission officials.

COMMUNICATION SATELLITES

Committee on Science and Astronautics: Resumed hearings on communication satellite systems, and heard testimony from Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, and Brig. Gen. William M. Thames, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Advent Management Agency, Fort Monmouth, N.J. Hearings continue Thursday, August 10.

TAXATION—SAVINGS BANKS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Treasury Department's report on the taxation of mutual savings banks and savings and loan associations, and heard public witnesses. Hearings continue Thursday, August 10.

Joint Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 7851, fiscal 1962 appropriations for the Defense Establishment.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared Defense Department appropriations bill for the President.

Senate unanimously passed aircraft hijacking bill, approved maritime reorganization, and considered foreign aid bill.

House passed bills on military personnel trailer allowances and flight pay accrual.

Foreign aid bill cleared for floor action by Rules Committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 15394-15406

Bills Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2399-2402; and S. Res. 194.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 349, providing readjustment assistance to post-Korean conflict veterans, with amendments, and with minority views (S. Rept. 700);

H.R. 7725, authorizing reconveyance to the town of Malone, N.Y., of certain real property heretofore donated to the U.S. (S. Rept. 701);

H.R. 7721, authorizing the Secretary of the Army to adjust the legislative jurisdiction exercised by the U.S. over the lands within Fort Sheridan, Ill. (S. Rept. 702);

H.R. 6597, to permit the crediting of certain minority service for purpose of determining eligibility for retirement from the armed services (S. Rept. 703);

H.R. 4786, to equalize travel allowances for Reserve and National Guard personnel (S. Rept. 704);

H.R. 7391, to promote the conservation of migratory birds by the acquisition of wet lands, with amendments (S. Rept. 705); and

S. 2000, to provide for the establishment of a Peace Corps, with amendments (S. Rept. 706).

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Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee.

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Crimes on Aircraft: By unanimous vote of 92 yeas, Senate passed with committee amendment (in the nature of a substitute) S. 2268, to apply Federal criminal law to crimes committed on aircraft in air commerce. The committee substitute which was adopted prior to passage of the bill had been amended by adoption of the following amendments thereto:

Modified Yarborough amendment providing death penalty, in the discretion of the jury, for hijacking of a plane; Engle amendment providing death penalty, in the discretion of the jury, for any act on board aircraft that on the high seas would constitute piracy; and Miller amendment including county law enforcement officers among those exempted from prohibition against carrying firearms aboard plane.

Prior to the above actions, the pending Magnuson amendment providing death penalty, in the alternative to life imprisonment, for any act on board aircraft that